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Emergency Legislation Limits Spraying for Browntail Moths

AUGUSTA—On April 7, Governor Baldacci signed into law emergency legislation to protect marine organisms. The law limits the public or private application of pesticides to control browntail moths. Key points of P.L. 2006, Chapter 553, are as follows:

- Only the coastal areas of York, Cumberland, and Sagadahoc counties are affected.
- Pesticides cannot be applied on shade or ornamental trees within 50 feet of the mean high water mark in coastal areas.
- Pesticides cannot be applied on shade or ornamental trees in coastal areas located between 50 and 250 feet from the mean high water mark except as follows:
  - Only the products with the active ingredients diflubenzuron (Dimilin®), permethrin (Astro™), tau-fluvalinate (Mavrik®), or cyfluthrincan (Tempo®) can be applied.
  - Only a hydraulic, hand-held gun can be used for application.
  - Spray must be directed away from marine waters.
  - Applications cannot be made when the wind is blowing toward marine waters.
- Commercial applicators must notify the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) in advance of dates planned for spraying.
- Restrictions do not apply to biological pesticides or the injection of pesticides into the soil or shade or ornamental trees.
- These restrictions will be repealed on March 31, 2007.

The complete law can be viewed at: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/LD.asp?LD=1657

With any questions or for more information, contact the BPC at 287-2731.

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control is the lead state agency for pesticide regulation. It is an administrative unit of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with policy decisions made by a seven-member, public board.

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